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SUBJECT: FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO SOVIET PARTY CONGRESSES

1. SUMMARY: A COMPARISON OF THE FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO THE SOVIET 25TH PARTY CONGRESS. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AT THE OPENING SESSIONS, THERE WERE 103 DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING 96 COUNTRIES AT THIS CONGRESS, COMPARED WITH 101 FROM 90 COUNTRIES AT THE 24TH CONGRESS. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATIONS IDENTIFIED BY NAME TOTALED 94 LAST TIME AND 93 THIS TIME. THE MOST NOTABLE CHANGE WAS THE ABSENCE THIS TIME OF ANY JAPANESE DELEGATION COMPARED WITH TWO--THE COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES --AT THE 24TH CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE VISITING DELEGATIONS WERE GROUPED INTO THREE CATEGORIES: THOSE REPRESENTING "FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" (I.E., ALL RULING COMMUNIST PARTIES IN THE WORLD EXCEPT CHINA'S AND ALBANIA'S WHICH WERE NOT PRESENT EITHER TIME); THE "FRATERNAL PARTIES" (I.E., THE NON-RULING COMMUNIST PARTIES); AND THE "FRIENDLY" PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS (I.E., NON-COMMUNIST PARTIES AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS). THE LIST OF THE 11 COUNTRIES IN THE FIRST CATEGORY WAS UNCHANGED FROM THAT OF THE 24TH CONGRESS, INCLUDING THE RANK ORDER.

3. THE LIST OF "FRATERNAL PARTIES" ADDS THOSE FROM MALTA,
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MOROCCO, INDONESIA, SENEGAL AND THE PHILIPPINES AND DELETES THOSE

FROM TUNISIA AND JAPAN. THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, WHICH WAS LISTED IN THE THIRD CATEGORY LAST TIME, WAS RAISED TO THE SECOND LEVEL THIS TIME, BUT WAS STILL NOT INCLUDED AMONG THE RULING PARTIES OF THE FIRST CATEGORY. THE EAST PAKISTANI PARTY WAS REPRESENTED LAST TIME BUT NEITHER PAKISTAN NOR BANGLADESH WERE LISTED THIS TIME. WEST GERMANY WAS REPRESENTED BY TWO DELEGATIONS LAST TIME, THE "GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY" LED BY CHAIRMAN BACHMAN AND THE "COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY" LED BY FIRST SECRETARY REIMANN. THIS TIME THERE WAS ONE WEST GERMAN PARTY CALLED THE "GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY" LED BY CHAIRMAN MIES. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS IN THIS CATEGORY COMES TO 63 THIS TIME, AN INCREASE OF TWO FROM THE LAST CONGRESS.

4. THERE WERE SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE THIRD CATEGORY. ADDED WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALGERIA, LEBANON'S PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY, MADAGASCAR, NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND THE PLO. DELETED WERE DELEGATIONS FROM THE ARAB SOCIALIST UNION, THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KURDISTAN (IRAQ), MAURITANIA, SUDAN, ZANZIBAR, FINLAND AND THE JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY (PLUS THE LAOTIANS, WHO WERE MOVED UP). THIS ADDS UP TO A DECREASE OF THREE AT THE PRESENT CONGRESS, FROM 22 TO 19.

5. COMMENT: THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE INCREASED, AS SUSLOV SAID DURING HIS INTRODUCTIONS, BUT THOSE IDENTIFIED BY NAME DECREASED BY ONE. THE DIFFERENCES IN THE LISTS, TAKING THE SECOND AND THIRD CATEGORIES TOGETHER, MAINLY REFLECT SHIFTS IN SOVIET TIES WITH PARTIES IN THE THIRD WORLD, WITH ADDITIONS OF FOUR DELEGATIONS EACH FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND THE DELETION OF THREE FROM EACH AREA. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE WAS THE ABSENCE OF TWO DELEGATIONS FROM JAPAN, THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY, BOTH OF WHICH WERE PRESENT AT THE 24TH CONGRESS. (JAPANESE EMBOFF ORITA SAID THAT THE JCP NEWSPAPER AKAHATA WAS REPRESENTED BY ONE CORRESPONDENT, BUT HE WAS CONSIDERED A JOURNALIST AND NOT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARTY.)
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